

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization:	Growth International Development Corporation
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name	Sidney
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Last Name	Malone
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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name	Dorsey
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Last Name	Sims III
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Title:	Program Coordinator/Consultant
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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area:	On the Scene Sports
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Amount Requested	\$24947
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Total Organizational budget (for current year):	\$30354
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Total Project/Program Budget: \$30354

Dates covered by this budget: 7/20/16 - 9/2/16

Project/Program Name: 10th Annual East Coast Enrichment Program

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

The purpose of Growth International is to provide educational and development opportunities for youth and adults; enhancing the quality of housing for people of all ages and income levels through economic development; and to develop tomorrow's business leaders. One of our program coordinators, Coach Dorsey Sims III truly believes that it is his mission to take young men from the neighborhoods of Memphis, all products of the local public schools on a soul finding tour where the leadership experiences help the students begin to smooth their edges so they move from another diamond in the rough to another sparkling gem of the greater Memphis community. The educational enhancement is united with a rich exposure to the transitional components needed for young urban minority males who will need a better world focus. This program, On The Scene Sports realizes the true dangers that can await a young minority male in an urban setting. The East Coast Enrichment Tour provides a window which allows hope to beam through what could be a story about a young urban male of tragedy and replaces it with a story that speaks of how a community came together to offer an opportunity that made us all proud. In America, we invest at least \$38,000, dollars annual to incarcerate one inmate. We are asking our community to help raise approximately \$30,000, to provide an opportunity to provide enhancement and opportunity for 25 young players. The funds will be spent to house Team Memphis players and coaches while in Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA and Brooklyn, New York. In addition to housing, transportation, insurance, educational tours, meals and toll fees are also a part of the 2016 budget.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

On the Scene Sports is a grass root urban outreach and enhancement program that provides the avenues of educational enrichment with the practical understanding of team sports to give needed opportunities to Memphis area high school students that will soon embrace the college ranks in the world of basketball. On the Scene Sports, sponsors its 10th Anniversary/20th trip for its East Coast Enrichment Tour Team for young men living in the Memphis and Shelby county area to augment their educational attainment about the history of this nation; while exposing them to life outside the bubble of Memphis. Coach Dorsey Sims III was appointed and served as the only African American Male on the Executive Board of Special Olympic/Memphis Branch. Coach Sims, III has worked with Suskie Sports, Inc. along with former NBA Asst. Coach Gerald Oliver of the Cleveland Cavaliers and Milwaukee Bucks, evaluating and selecting players for (4) four ABA Teams and (1) one International Team. He has worked with the (CBA) China Basketball Association, with a Culture Exchange Basketball Program, that had a 10 year contract agreement until 2012, also the City of Memphis, Shelby Metro and Awareness Basketball Clinic, serving as Director of Educational Sections, responsible for selecting Business and Community Leaders as Motivational Speakers for over 20 years. In 2011 Coach Sims was the recipient of the prestigious award, the Shelby County and Memphis Achievers award for his continued work with his youth program.

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 0

Number of paid part-time staff: 0

Number of volunteers: 5

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in

It is the goal of Growth International and On The Scene Sports to take these truly rough gems of Memphis and begin another dimension of their life and educational enrichment process that enables them to be molded into shining bright diamonds. There are many alarming facts that leave no doubt that the urban neighborhoods of Memphis are no different and sometimes

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worse than the national averages for the many avenues that lead to death or jail time, but very rarely college. Recently published articles about the grim statistics for minority males in urban centers have been brought to the public agenda about the Memphis community and the distressing statistics that are associated with growing up as an urban male youth. According to the latest Justice Department data, minority males living in an urban neighborhood are 73% more likely to slip through the gleaming hole of no opportunity for exposure than their minority suburban peers. A recent issue of Bloomberg Business featured an article that reported Minority males ages 17-24 were more than 53% of unemployed minority men in the Memphis area. A recent Fox 13 news report revealed that a U.S. Criminal Justice report cited data that divulged that statistically, more African American young men were in jail than were amongst the class ranks of America's college students. The same report revealed 15% higher dropout rates than their male peers, 40% higher percentage than their peers to be killed by a gun. While nationally 17-24 age group represents 10% of jail rolls, that incarceration rate increases to just over 18% in the Memphis/Shelby region. With these statistics facing them, these twenty-five (25) young men who make up the On The Scene Sports team have managed to avoid all of these pitfalls to place themselves on the court of life. They represent the chance to become a more successful alternative to the ever present statistics that await a minority urban city male.

General Operating Suport

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

This grant will be used to take a team of twenty (25) local players from Melrose, Ridgeway, Hamilton, Booker T Washington, Whitehaven, Northside, Kirby, Carver, Overton, Fairley, Mitchell, Central, Southwind, Wooddale, Raleigh-Egypt, Craigmont, Manassas, and East High Schools, just to list a few on this life changing educational enrichment and history revealing tour. Their travel includes eastern basketball stops of the nation's capital, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, PA and Brooklyn, New York. The 10th Anniversary 20th Team will live and learn as a team in some of the most bountiful proving grounds of basketball dominance that any student from the Memphis region would give anything for the opportunity to test their skills, while being exposed to life outside the bubble of Memphis.

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

On The Scene Sports realizes the true dangers that can await a young minority male in an urban setting. This is why On The Scene Sports has chosen to do something to keep the team members of the 10th Anniversary/20th Team from becoming a number in the statistics of young Memphis basketball players that drop out of the college ranks simply because they were not ready to transition to college life.

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

Coach Sims III, and the members of On The Scene Sports are seeking a few great philanthropic Memphians to help support this valuable endeavor so that another group of Memphians, can become the 10th Anniversary/20th On The Scene Sports Team, representing the great talent of Memphis, while gaining the personal enhancement that comes from there association on the team. The power of philanthropy is that it connects needed resources to true life stories that illuminate what is the true fabric of America, her giving heart. The purpose of this grant is to develop a linkage for a few Memphians that have this understanding, believe in this school of thought and are willing to take action.

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

Coach Sims III and many of the past players associated with On The Scene Sports believe that their participation in activities associated with the endeavors of Coach Sims, III provided some of the most beneficial transitional learning of their careers—high school to college; college to the pros and international players. We will be taking some of Memphis' best young talent. They will be participating in the 53rd Annual Old Timer's Week Tournament, and the "Reuben Shu Niles Basketball Classic" in Brooklyn, New York as well as the Each One Teach One tournament and at "Rucker Park" in Harlem, New York. They will be playing against some of the best talent in the country. This will also afford them the opportunity to be seen by scouting services and collegiate coaches on the East coast in order to obtain scholarships. This opportunity can be a life altering experience. However, it is only by way of your enthusiasm, and participation will this event flourish to its fullest potential. It will benefit those whom we all wish to reach out and touch, specifically; the young men of the Memphis and

Shelby County communities.

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

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1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
 2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
 3. Complete Budget for grant request
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If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

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1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
 2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.
 3. Complete Budget for grant request
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File 1 [GIDC 501C3.pdf](#)

File 2 [2016 New York Budget docx Dsims.docx](#)

File 3 [GIDC fin stmt with cert.pdf](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Sidney P. Malone

Printed Name: Sidney P. Malone

Date 6/13/2016

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